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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 47 as follows:

An underwire channel section 24 is provided within the blank 10 to receive therein or thereon a channel member 50 which, in turn, receives an arcuately or "U"-shaped wire (not shown) of metal or plastic of the type employed in brassiere design for enhanced cup perimeter shaping and breast support. A channel member 50 is provided for each of the two cups of the bra. The channel members are attached to one layer of the fabric of the laminate, preferably on a facing surface thereof that will be interior to the laminate when it is glued together, prior to assembly and gluing together of the several layers of the laminate. The channel members 50 are typically stitched to the surface of the layer of fabric to which they are to be attached, however, they may also be glued in place or fused to the fabric.

Please amend paragraph 100 as follows:

In addition to a triangular or an extended central gore for a back-closure type bra, further inserts 42a, b (shown in dashed lines only in FIG. 7a), made of the same material as the gore (e.g., a polyester knit, especially a circular polyester knit), or of a material having elastomeric properties to stretch along with the fabric of the side and end panels where they are themselves made from an elastomeric material (e.g., spandex), can be inserted in the side and end panels of any type of bra, front or back closure or tubular, and underwire or softcup, to provide additional stability and support to the side and end